Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Catholic schools continue their mission of providing a faith-filled future by developing the leaders of tomorrow with strong human, moral, and spiritual foundations; and,

Whereas, Catholic schools embrace a Catholic identity rooted in Gospel values, centered on the Eucharist and committed to faith formation, academic excellence, and service; and,

Whereas, Catholic education has demonstrated its ability to contribute to the state's welfare throughout its history by raising levels of knowledge, competence, and experience; and,

Whereas, The 26 Catholic grade and high schools in the Sioux Falls Diocese are educating over 4,900 citizens; and,

Whereas, Catholic school students are provided the opportunity to practice the mission statement through praying for those in need, looking to specific saints as role-models, making cards for family members, showing hospitality, and praising the Lord with song, just to mention a few activities that take place during the week:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 29 – February 4, 2017, as

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

in South Dakota, and I recognize the contributions Catholic schools have made and are making today as they fulfill the mission of a faith-filled future for our citizens.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State